



Orange Lectr

Withdrawal from M.E. Church

During the month of Nov 1842 he issued the ^{first no.} "The True Wesleyan" on the first page was found one article headed - Withdrawal from the M.E. Church signed by himself & two others - John H. Hexton - Le Roy Sunderland

The main reasons assigned were two -

- 1 The M.E. Ch is not only a slave holding but a slave-depending Church -
 - 2 The government of the M.E. contains principles not laid down in the Scriptures nor recognized in the usages of the primitive Church - principles which are subversive of the rights both of ministers & laymen -
- The argument concludes by saying -
- We do not withdraw from anything essential to Wesleyan Methodism. There are many things valuable in the economy of Methodism to which we shall adhere - Knowing that one hundred, if not thousands who entertain the same sentiments we have professed

an outline of discipline - We have made provision
to organise churches if there is a call for it."

Of this movement C. Scott was the avowed
& acknowledged leader - At the time of this
quiet & honourable secession of these Ministers
there was not one lay member with them.

The main agent in this movement ~~that~~
anticipated at the time that in one year
there might be a ~~sever~~ denomination of perhaps
2000 members - But in 6 mos there were 6000
and a year following 15000 in the connexion,
styling themselves Wesleyan Methodists
distinguished mainly by Non-fellowship
for all slave holders - & total abstinence
from intoxicating drinks as tests of
membership

See C. Scott's Page 207 - 214

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Many of us have felt the power of secularism
- its influence - to our hearts content - It has had its
influence in driving ^{some of} us out of the church to which
we formerly belonged -

Rev
Notes of Orange Scott

taken from sermon preached
at his funeral -

1847

Church - affairs - & separation